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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated November 2, 2000. The amendments herein address the rejections in the Action, and further, are directed to more distinctly claiming and particularly pointing out the invention. It is believed that the amendments set forth herein put the claims in condition for allowance, or alternatively, put the claims in better form for appeal. It is respectfully requested that the claims be amended as indicated and that the remarks be entered in the case.

IN THE CLAIMS:

12. (Three times amended) A polynucleotide encoding a pan-growth factor which polynucleotide comprises a nucleotide sequence [of not over about 10,000 nucleotides] encoding [an] a